15. Dave & Girish & Co., Mumbai and Lovell White Durrant, UK.
16. Fox Mandal & Company, New Delhi and Slaughter & May, Singapore.
17. Udwadia, Udeshi & Berjis, Mumbai and Allen & Overy, UK.
18. Wadhia Ghandy & Co., Mumbai, Rao & Joshi & Associates, Bangalore and Desai & Savla, New Delhi.
19. Dention Hall, UK and Rajinder Narain & Company, New Delhi.
20. Singhania & Co., New Delhi and Stikeman Elliot, Canada.
21. Ajay Bahl & Co., New Delhi and Winthrop, Stimpson, Putnam, & Roberts, USA.
22. Dua Associates, New Delhi and Clayton UTZ, Australia.
23. Bhasin & Co., New Delhi and Herbert Smith, London.
24. Rowe & Maw, London and Goswami Associates, New Delhi.
25. Associated Law Advisors, New Delhi and Nicholson Graham & Jones, UK.
26. Crawford Bayley & Company, Mumbai and Watson Farley & Williams, UK.
27. Ashurst Morris Crisp, New Delhi and M.G. Ramachandran & Associates.
28. Garrets, UK and Khaitan & Co..
29. WSP Group PLC., UK, London Luton Airport, UK and Engineers & Management Associates, New Delhi.
30. Linklaters & Paines, UK and LTTLe & Company, Mumbai.
31. Dr. V.K. Aggarwal, New Delhi.
32. Suri & Company, New Delhi and Camerom MC Kenna, UK.
33. Australian Government Solicitor, Melbourne.

Amendment of Law on Adultery

*289. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law on adultery is discriminatory towards a married woman;

(b) if so, the discriminations noticed in IPC (Section 497 and 377); and

(c) the steps proposed to amend the law immediately?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): (a) and (b) It is not correct to say that Section 497 and 377 of the Indian Penal Code are discriminatory to married women. The Law Commission of India in its 156th Report on the Indian Penal Code (Volume I) has made recommendations proposing amendments to sections 497 and 377 of the Indian Penal Code so as to bring in the concept of equality between the sexes and provide mandatory punishment where unnatural offences are committed on a person under the age of 18 years.

(c) The criminal laws being in the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, the Ministry of Home Affairs have stated that they have called for the views of the State Governments on the Report of the Law Commission.

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*290. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि वित्त संबंधी संसदीय स्थायी समिति ने अगस्त, 1998 की अपनी रिपोर्ट में यूको बैंक, बैंक आफ इंडिया और युनाइटेड बैंक आफ इंडिया के निरन्तर घाटे में चलने पर चिन्ता जाहिर की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन बैंकों को प्रतिवर्ष कितना-कितना घाटा हुआ और इसके क्या कारण है; और